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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: ECONOMIC ISSUES

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1. COMBINATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING PREPARATIONS FOR NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, SERIES OF PRESIDENTIAL VISITS TO ECONOMIC PROJECTS, PREOCCUPATION WITH OIL COMPANY NEGOTIATIONS, AND PREPARATIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL STATE OF NATION SPEECH AUGUST 16 HAVE MADE IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH SENIOR ECONOMIC DECISION MAKERS.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE WRITTEN TO MINISTER WIDJOJO (ECONOMIC TZAR AND KEY POLICY MAKER ON ECONOMIC MATTERS) FORWARDING HIM AIDE MEMOIRE ON CIEC ISSUES AND ASSURING HIM OF THE CONTINUED DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE ISSUES NOW OUTSTANDING BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. I HAVE SPOKEN DIRECTLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK ON SAME QUESTION AND HAVE LEFT WITH HIM COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH WIDJOJO.

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PONDENCE WITH WIDJOJO.

3. ON AUGUST 6 I HAD FURTHER MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT, AMBASSADOR SUMARJO. I EXPLAINED THAT UNITED STATES WAS CONTINUING TO MAKE MAJOR EFFORT IN AREA OF NIEO PROBLEMS AND THAT I WAS DISTURBED BY INDICATIONS (REF B) THAT INDONESIAN ECONOMIC EXPOERTS MIGHT BE GOING TO COLOMBO MEETING FEELING THAT UNITED STATES WAS PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS. I REVIEWED WITH HIM EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS SECRETARY OF STATE HAD MADE ON THESE ISSUES AND STRESSED THAT DIFFERENCES WITH LDCS IN PARIS REALTED LESS TO SUBSTANCE THAN TO PACE AND FORM..

4. AMBASSADOR SUMARJO SAID HE WOULD PASS ON MY COMMENTS AND PACKAGE TO MINISTER MALIK. UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT INDONESIA INTENDS TO TAKE STRONG FORWARD POSITION ON THESE ISSUES IN COLOMBO. INDONESIA SEES THIS AS BEST HOPE OF DIVERTING CONVERENCE FROM RADICAL POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH CAUSE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

5. SUMARJO CONTINUED THAT INDONESIA RECOGNIZES THAT ULTIMATELY THERE MUST BE COMPROMISE ON THESE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE ISSUES BUT FEELS THAT COMPROMISE CAN ONLY COME THROUGH CONTINUED PRESSURES.

6. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT INDONESIA HAS POSITION TO TAKE AS PART OF GROUP OF 19 AND GROUP OF 77, I SAID USG WOULD FIND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND IF AFTER VERY SERIOUS HIGH LEVEL MAJOR EFFORT IN THESE AREAS, ITS FRIENDS SUPPORTED ANY MOVE BY NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TO POINT FINGER DIRECTLY AT US. SUMARJO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD POINT AND WOULD CONVEY IT TO MALIK.
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